

NEW SHOREHAM SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Block Island School

August 28, 2006

4:30 P.M.

The New Shoreham School Committee met in open session on Monday, August 21, 2006, in the media center of the Block Island School. Chair William Padien called the meeting to order at 4:40 P.M. The following members were present: Shea Butcher, Annie Hall, Sean McGarry, William Padien, and Richard Tretheway. Also present was Attorney Denise Myers.

Appointment of Interim Superintendent

A resolution developed by Attorney Denise Myers was submitted for School Committee review and read into the record by William Padien. The three references to Stanford model or plan were amended to read SIT (School Improvement Team). A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the resolution as amended was withdrawn after a lengthy discussion where Attorney Myers stated that the resolution was not necessary and the School Committee could approve any motion on which it could agree.

An advertisement for a full-time superintendent was placed in the Providence Journal and five applications were received. Several applicants are certified and available. Attorney Myers stated that

RIDE is aware of the late resignation of Mr. Lyle and the need to have a superintendent in place for the start of the school year. The special education director, the next certified administrator for the district, can sit as acting superintendent on a temporary basis until the interview process has been completed. If a qualified candidate for the superintendent position for the New Shoreham School District is not found, an emergency certification can be requested for Leslie Ryan, who has the required credits for a principalship, but currently does not have the credits for superintendent certification. All agreed there was not enough time to go through the application and interview process before the start of school on Wednesday, September 6.

Sean McGarry stated that he was uncomfortable making a quick decision on something with potential legal ramifications. Richard Tretheway stated that he would like to have someone in place to open school.

Attorney Myers recommended that Leslie Ryan be appointed as acting or interim superintendent.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to appoint the current Special Education Director, Leslie Ryan, as the interim superintendent for the 2006-07 school year carried with a vote of 5-0.

Establish Superintendent Selection Committee

Attorney Denise Myers recommended that a superintendent selection committee be established to review the applications that were

received. She suggested a committee of two members of the School Committee and at least one member of the current core team. A motion (Padien, Hall) to establish a Superintendent Selection Committee and appoint Sean McGarry, Marlee Lacoste, Marsha Gutierrez, Nancy Cole, and Bill Padien to serve on this committee carried with a vote of 5-0.

Executive Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 5:20 P.M. to go into executive session pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws 42-46-5(a)(2) for contract negotiations carried with a vote of 5-0.

Open Session

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 6:30 P.M. to return to open session carried with a vote of 5-0.

A motion (Padien, Butcher) to seal the executive session minutes carried with a vote of 5-0.

Contract for Interim Superintendent

A motion (Padien, Hall) to approve the appointment of Leslie Ryan as the acting, interim superintendent to commence on September 1, 2006, at an annualized salary of \$45,000 through June 30, 2007, to be available 24 hours per day/seven days per week, to perform all duties as set out by the School Committee and Rhode Island General Laws 16-2-11, and to perform the duties as Special Education Director as spelled out in her existing contract carried with a vote of 5-0.

Adjournment

A motion (Padien, Hall) at 6:33 P.M. to adjourn carried with a vote of 5-0.

Marsha L. Gutierrez, Clerk

Date approved: 9/19/2006